

# Winnies and Nickers

Pretty Pony Pastures

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## Spring Clean

Time to clear away the cobwebs and see what treasures we can do without! And while you are doing that, pack up a box for our first Barn Sale!

We will be having a barn sale on **Memorial Day Weekend** (May 22—May 25). That's four days of sales and four days of shopping! We chose this weekend because we are closed for riding lessons. And, if people aren't going away, they may want to garage sale!

If you have items you want to donate (remember, we are not a 501-c-3), please bring them during your riding lesson the week prior. If you would like to "rent a table" to sell your items, then we will make spaces available in the arena for \$10.00 a space and you keep the money for what you sell.

If you can help with the set-up or during one of the days, we'd appreciate the help and the company. Just let us know if you are bringing treasures, renting a table, or helping.

### Have you seen our star?

Club Equestrian, which is part of the United States Equestrian Federation held a "Tell Us a Story" Video Contest. The video had to be about a horse and could not be longer than two minutes.



I decided to tell the story of what it's like to be a therapeutic riding horse and chose Lu-Rain as the story teller.

Our video was chosen as one of the five finalists. You can view it at <http://www.clubequestrian.com/videos/watch/1098338980.aspx>

And remember—please vote!

### Welcome to...

We'd like to welcome our new riders—Shalynn Garcia, Lily and Lindsey Forbes, and Nora Kreft to our riding programs. We look forward to watching their progress in our riding program.

We are also fortunate to have a new volunteer—Bridget Hoffman—join our team as well. Welcome!

With the additional riding classes on Monday and Thursday evenings, and Tuesday evenings during the summer months, we could really use more volunteers. This is a great opportunity for high school students to get their community service hours needed for graduation.

Brochures are available at the sign-in table.

### Calendar of Events

**May 9—4-H Kick Off Horse Show**  
Registration for this show is due by May 2.

**May 10—Mother's Day**—No classes.

**May 16—4-H Triple B Horse Show**  
Registration for this show is due by May 9.

**May 22—25 Memorial Day Week-end**  
No classes See feature article.

**May 30—4-H Young Riders Horse Show**  
Registration due by May 23.

**June 21—Father's Day**—No classes

**June 27—4-H Paint Creek Valley Horse Show**  
Registration due by June 20.

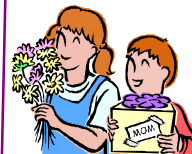
**July 4—5—Independence Day Week-end**—No classes.

**July 6—11 4-H Fair Week**—No classes.  
See [www.oakfair.org](http://www.oakfair.org) for fair schedule.

**July 13—16; July 20—23; July 27—30 Horses and More**—Flyer attached.

**Aug. 8—Giddy-Up Go Horse Show** This is *our* Horse Show. Information in June newsletter. Registration due by Aug. 1.

### Mother's/Father's Day



Every year several families ask if we are closed on Mother's Day or Father's Day. I always answer that it's not a National Holiday, so we are open.

This year, we listened to you! We will be closed on both **Mother's Day and Father's Day**. This will make it easier for families to celebrate together and for our loyal volunteers to spend time with their parents.

Be sure to always check the calendar above or on-line for our most current schedules.



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## Summer Activities

We have added lessons at 7:30 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. We are also providing Therapeutic classes on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm. Tuesday classes are only an option from May through August to accommodate those riders who only ride during the summer months.

We will close our facility from July 4th through July 10th for the holiday and the 4-H Fair. Check the fair website <http://www.oakfair.org> for the daily schedule and discount tickets.

Current students who want to learn more about care and/or training of horses, or other aspects of owning a horse, watch for our *Horsin' Around Days*. Flyers will be posted at the sign-in table as more information becomes available.

## More, Scouts!



We are still getting calls from Girl Scout leaders to have badge workshops. This is great! A few of you have offered to help out on these days. We are very grateful.

Here's the schedule for the next eight weeks. On June 6th we could use at least three more helpers as we will be conducting two activities plus the riding lesson. Very similar to what we do when Holly Schools are here.

May 2—?? girls—2:00 pm to 3:30 pm  
12 girls—4:00 pm to 5:30 pm  
May 9—17 girls—2:00 pm to 3:30 pm  
May 16—5 to 9 girls—2:00 pm to 3:30 pm  
13 girls—4:00 pm to 5:30 pm  
June 6—16 girls—2:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
NOTE: this is a Junior/Brownie combo so we will run it in stations. We will need a minimum of 6 people to help.  
June 16 and 18—Horse Rider Badge  
Five girls—1:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
June 17—11 girls—10:00 am to 11:30 am

## May Birthdays

The following riders and volunteers have birthdays this month.

- Tanner Tarsi
- Brandon Hall
- Bridget Hoffman
- Caitlin Maloney
- Bowen Waltz
- Matthew Decker



Wishing you a happy birthday and a great year.

## Horse Show Status

### We are moving into preproduction!



**What:** *Giddy-Up Go Horse*

**When:** Saturday, August 8, 2009— 9:00 am

Class list will be ready for the next newsletter. We will have the same showmanship and equitation classes as last year. We are adding a Mom/Dad and Me class (lead-line optional—weight restrictions are in effect). We will also have three games of skill, speed or both.

Nancy Star has offered to be the Show Bill Chair. Thank you!

I could still use help in these areas:

- **Advertising Chair**—put together a flyer that can be distributed to local business so they can advertise in our show bill. Record the contributions and make sure they are included in the show bill.
- **Program Chair**—sets up the classes, including the patterns for the showmanship and trail classes. This should be someone who has shown before, either here or at 4-H
- **Entry Chair**—person who makes sure that each entry has been entered in the correct class with the correct horse and splits the class if there are too many riders entered in one class.

Also, last year someone asked if we could get a photographer. Anyone know one that would consider shooting the show for little or no charge. Any high school photographers looking to put together a portfolio? How about a videographer? Then we could have DVDs of the entire show.

Food? Someone made mention of a BBQ. Anyone want to take charge of heading up the food department?

Tina and Joe Day brought our their canopies to shade the north seating area. I'm hoping they could do that again. Anyone know where we could get some bleachers?

If you have any other suggestions, please send an e-mail or let's talk after a class. Last year's show was great...let's make this year's greater!